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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related Application number 08/909,488, filed August 12, 1997, and, Application number 07/863,397, filed on April 3, 1992, now patent number 5,763,262, and, accordingly, copies are not included herewith. This protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)

and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2). The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/909,488, filed August 12, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,763,262, filed April 3, 1992, which was a file wrapper continuation of U.S. Application No. 07/528,050, filed June 25, 1990 (abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 06/909,020, filed September 18, 1986 (abandoned).

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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